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Thank you for making comments via email available as to the proposed Hyperion project. I am more than concerned about the many negatives of this project but especially the issue of water. It is a precious resource and often seems to be lacking in this state and in the area. This lack will certainly escalate with Hyperion's projected use of 9-12 million gallons per day! I note in today's Argus Leader (10/24/08) that the Clay Rural Water System has tabled Hyperion's proposed water usage request until next month as they seek additional information. This is a good plan and smart thinking on the part of system. They need to proceed very cautiously with this request.

Of course, there are many other environmental factors besides water to consider including air quality. This can also be said of the proposed expansion of the Big Stone II. Coal burning is one of the top air polluters in the world today. Either they go the extra mile to insure less and safer emissions or attempt an alternative source of power. The May 2, 2008, article in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader by Kim Keiser had the right idea -- I only wish more people would pay attention to her idea of "moving beyond oil" and "exploring smart and innovative energy practices". South Dakota could be a leader in this effort. She calls for this in her article and I stand with her in this effort. Surley a study of world efforts and alternative energy sources could be done, compiled, and pondered before we keep going the way we are with old technologies. The future of this beautiful state is too priceless to ransom for the sake of the almighty dollar and quick rewards. A recent visitor from California was very enamored with the state and told an audience "don't tell anyone about it". He said word spread about his state and look what happened! Too many people, too much pollution, etc.

Thank you.
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